New strategy for polio eradication

†2504. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a new strategy for eradication of polio for the year 2002-2003 as suggested by the experts;

(b) if so, the details of the new strategy;

(c) the number of cases of polio brought to the notice of Government during the last three years from the States where polio eradication programme had been completed successfully, State-wise; and

(d) the States where Government plan to implement the new strategy?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has approved and implemented the revised strategy for eradication of polio during 2002-03 as suggested by the experts.

(b) The strategy implemented is as under:

(i) Two Sub-National Immunization Day (SNID) polio immunization rounds in the high risk States of UP, Bihar, Delhi and in high risk districts of West Bengal, Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra on 29th September and 17th November, 2002.

(ii) Two National Immunization Day (NID) polio immunization rounds in the whole country on 5th January and 9th February, 2003.

(iii) Mop-up rounds in response to detection of polio cases in all parts of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) The new strategy has been implemented in the whole country with focus on endemic States of UP, Bihar, Delhi and in high risk districts of West Bengal, Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra.

Statement

Number of polio cases, India

State	2000	2001	2002
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Assam	0	1	0
Bihar	50	27	121
Chandigarh	1	0	1
Chhattisgarh	-	1	1
D and N Haveli	0	0	0
Daman and Diu	0	0	0
Delhi	3	3	25
Goa	0	0	0
Gujarat	2	1	24
Haryana	4	5	37
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	1
Jharkhand	-	2	12
Karnataka	8	0	0
Kerala	1	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	2	0	21
Maharashtra	7	4	6
Manipur	0	0	0

State	2000	2001	2002
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0
Orissa	0	0	4
Pondicherry	0	0	0
Punjab	0	5	2
Rajasthan	0	0	41
Sikkim	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
Tripura	0	0	0
Uttaranchal	-	3	14
Uttar Pradesh	179	216	1241
West Bengal	8	1	48
TOTAL:	265	268	1599

Gene therapy approach for preventing AIDS

2505. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University of California and the California Institute of Technology researchers have developed a new gene therapy approach which helps in preventing AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details of the research?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, University of California, San Francisco, is undertaking Phase-II clinical trials for Gene Therapy. Since these Phase-II trials would be multicentric, randomized and blinded, it would help in determining safety & efficacy of administrating a gene transfer product to people with chronic HIV.